

Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi Issues Statement Regarding President Bush's Veto of Children's Health Insurance Program

"At a time when more than 6.6 million Californians, including 763,000 children, go without health insurance, it is unconscionable that this President would put even more children at risk of falling through the cracks of our health care system -- forcing hard working, low-income parents to decide between healthcare for their kids and providing food or clothing. This morally unacceptable act puts the 775,000 children enrolled in the California Healthy Families Program (SCHIP) in danger of joining the ranks of the uninsured.

"During my years as California's Insurance Commissioner, I witnessed too often the disastrous effect the lack of health care coverage poses for so many California families. As the healthcare debate continues, I pledge to work with our state and national leaders to craft a plan that ensures everyone access to high quality healthcare, puts patients above profits and leaves not one person priced out of the healthcare system."

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